

## Air Force Open Systems Acquisition

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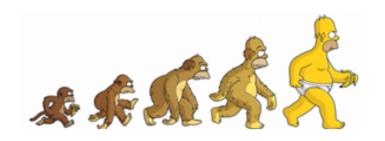


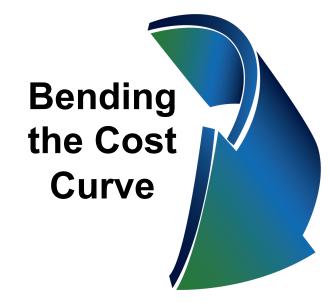


# OPEN SYSTEMS ACQUISITION (OSA)

#### Headquarters U.S. Air Force

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#### From Plugfest "Plus" to Open System Acquisitions

Evolving the Air Force Acquisition System

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SAF/AQ Office of Transformational Innovation (OTI) brief

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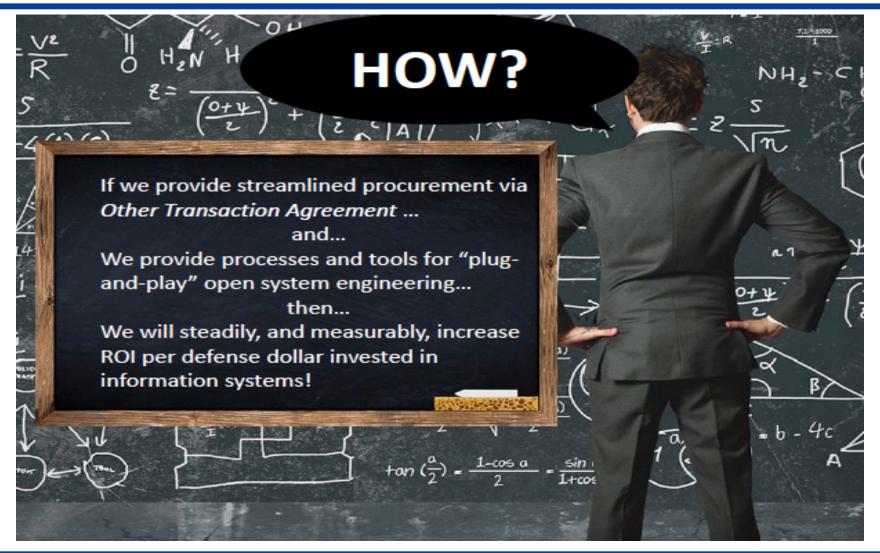


#### OSA EXPERIMENT & OTHER-TRANSACTION OBJECTIVES

- OBJECTIVE: Modernize Command, Control, Communications, and Cyber Intelligence Surveillance & Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Information Systems using agile developed "plug-n-play" technologies via modern open systems architectures.
- BENEFITS: Provide open, agile, information-based, services oriented system built upon modern Open System Approaches that will significantly change the way our systems currently perform and provide rapid adaptation and integration of new capabilities.
- SCOPE: Research, development, test, engineering, certification, modeling and simulations, measurement, and integration of tools using an innovative, rapid acquisition process for Air Force "opensystems" based C4ISR Information Systems (Such as: Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS), Theater Battle Management Core Systems (TBMCS), Air Operations Center- Weapons System (AOC WS), and others).



#### **HOW IT WORKS**





#### LEARN BY DOING

Several projects/programs

**USAF OTA \$99M ceiling** 

**FY16** 

One project, one program

**FY15** 

Crawl Walk

Fielded prototype

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Sustained off-theshelf capability Well established best practice FY17



Teleport

Thriving market of rapidly evolving, pre-approved, interoperable capability



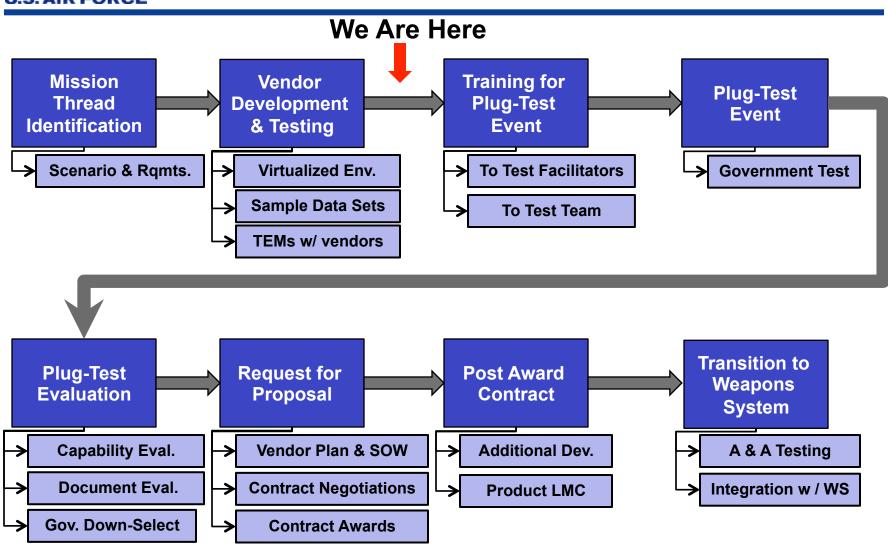
### OSA UNIQUE FEATURES

- Collaboration between SAF/AQ, AFRL/RI, and Information Systems Special Projects Offices (SPOs) promotes:
  - Technologies integrated within modernized infrastructures
  - Significant expansion of performance & agility
  - Significant decreases in time to field, lifecycle management, and cost.
- Combination of non-traditional contractors with traditional mentors (Consortium) provides iterative rapidly developed/ integrated capabilities
- Use of modernized open architectures provides capabilities that meet warfighter requirements over the program lifecycle.
- New & existing OTs enable and encourages broader range of commercial firms to help in developing defense systems.



#### DCGS OSA EXPERIMENT

Multi-Releasable Intelligence Product (MRIP)





#### PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

- As with all BTCC activities, success cannot be achieved without significant collaboration with industry:
  - Join the Open System Acquisition Consortium (or compete in the RFP process to establish the consortium)
  - AFRL DRAFT RFP for the first Air Force Open System Acquisition Consortium, View on FedBizOpps or www.plugfestplus.org
  - Tell a friend
- Partnerships with other DOD and federal agencies is also critical:
  - Open System Acquisition vehicle is available to all government entities
  - Input from other potential government customers is incredibly valuable
  - Tell more friends



#### CONCLUSION

- The Air Force is committed to identifying and implementing innovative business approaches to deliver better, faster, and cheaper capabilities to our Airmen
- Open Architecture Systems are an integral part of Air Force goals, but current business practices are prohibitive
- Open System Acquisition efforts aim to close that gap
- Continued partnerships with industry (and other government agencies) are integral to building a viable acquisition process for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century